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SUBJECT: PRELIMINARY SWEDISH REACTION TO 7SS UNGA

1. FRANK BELFRAGE, FOREIGN OFFICE HEAD OF MULTILATERAL AID, AND STIG BRATTSTROM, COUNSELOR IN JOINT TRADE AREA OF MINISTRIES OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND COMMERCE, BOTH MEMBERS OF SWEDISH DELEGATION TO SEVENTH SPECIAL SESSION (7SS) UNGA, PROVIDED AT EMBOFF'S REQUEST A FEW INITIAL OBSERVATIONS ABOUT OUTCOME OF SESSION, US ROLE, AND SWEDISH REACTION TO CERTAIN US PROPOSALS.

2. OUTCOME OF SESSION. BELFRAGE SAID GOS WAS GRATIFIED THAT 7SS HAD TURNED OUT BETTER THAN EXPECTED. WHILE CONSENSUS REACHED WAS ONLY IN MOST GENERAL TERMS, POLITICAL WILL TO COME TO GRIPS WITH PROBLEMS OF LDC'S THROUGH FURTHER NEGOTIATIONS WAS EVIDENT. BRATTSTROM NOTED RELATIVE EASE WITH WHICH AGREEMENT HAD BEEN REACHED IN TRADE AREA. HE THOUGHT THAT

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FORMULATION OF INTEGRATED PROGRAM FOR COMMODITIES, EVEN IF NOT

LEGALLY BINDING, WOULD HAVE HELPFUL POLITICAL IMPACT ON LDC'S;
HAVING ACCEPTED RATHER THAN FOUGHT CONCEPT OF INTEGRATED
PROGRAM, COUNTRIES COULD NOW DIRECT ATTENTION TO ITS ELEMENTS.

3. US ROLE. BELFRAGE THOUGHT US DESIRE TO PARTICIPATE
ACTIVELY IN DIALOGUE BETWEEN LDC'S AND DC'S WAS EVIDENT TO
EVERYONE AT 7SS. ACTIVE ROLE OF ASSISTANT SECRETARY ENDERS
IN NEGOTIATIONS AND INVOLVEMENT OF USG AT VERY HIGH LEVELS
FAVORABLY NOTICED BY MANY DELEGATIONS. BRATTSTROM AGREED US
PERFORMANCE ON WHOLE EXTREMELY HELPFUL, DESPITE SOME "LOSS OF
FACE" IN RETREATING FROM CERTAIN POSITIONS TAKEN IN AMERICAN
WORKING PAPER. FORTHCOMING US ATTITUDE, HE BELIEVED,
STRENGTHENED HAND OF OPEC MODERATES AGAINST THOSE OIL-PRODUCERS
WHO HAVE BEEN OPPOSING ANY SOFTENING OF OPEC POSITIONS FOR
PRODUCER/CONSUMER CONFERENCE.

4. BELFRAGE THOUGHT SWIFT ANNOUNCEMENT BY US OF RESERVATIONS
TO CONSENSUS HAD BEEN AWKWARD. NEVERTHELESS, HE ADMITTED THAT
SWEDEN HAS MISGIVINGS OF ITS OWN. IT REGARDS AS
"SENSITIVE" THE CONCEPT OF REDEPLOYMENT OF INDUSTRIES AND
OPPOSES INDEXATION, FOR EXAMPLE.

5. SWEDISH REACTION TO CERTAIN US PROPOSALS. ALTHOUGH GOS
HAS BY NO MEANS COMPLETED ITS STUDY OF SECRETARY KISSINGER'S
PROPOSALS. BELFRAGE SAID SOME COULD CAUSE SWEDEN DIFFICULTY.
HE OFFERED HIS PERSONAL DOUBT ABOUT EXTENT TO WHICH PRIVATE
RESOURCES OF CAPITAL AND TECHNOLOGY CAN BE USED TO ACCELERATE
DEVELOPMENT; PRIVATE INTERESTS DO NOT ALWAYS COINCIDE WITH
DEVELOPMENT NEEDS AND PROGRAMS. SWEDEN DEFINITELY SUPPORTS
GREATER VOTING POWER FOR LDC'S IN INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL
INSTITUTIONS (IFI'S); VOTING POWER SHOULD BE LINKED NOT ONLY TO
A COUNTRY'S FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION BUT ALSO TO ITS INTERESTS AS
RECIPIENT OF IFI FUNDS ON OTHER HAND, SWEDEN ENTHUSIASTICALLY
SUPPORTS US PROPOSAL FOR IMF TRUST FUND.

6. COMMENT. EMBASSY WOULD BE INTERESTED IN ANY ACCOUNT
DEPARTMENT HAS TIME TO PROVIDE OF NEGOTIATING GIVE-AND-TAKE
THAT RESULTED IN ANY SIGNIFICANT CHANGE IN US POSITIONS DURING
COURSE OF 7SS.

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